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Environment Department Secretary Approves Zia Star Voluntary Protection Program Status for NuStar Energy

(Santa Fe, N.M.) New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Secretary Dave Martin recently approved NuStar Energy, Central West Region, New Mexico District as the state's twelfth Zia Star Voluntary Protection Program company. The program recognizes companies with exemplary occupational health and safety management systems that maintain injury and illness rates below the national average for their industry.

NuStar Energy, Central West Region, New Mexico District, part of NuStar Energy L.P., has fixed sites in Albuquerque and Alamogordo, NM and maintains more than four hundred and fifty miles of pipeline and eight pump stations that pass through eight counties of New Mexico. NuStar Central West, New Mexico District stores, ships and sells products via pipeline and third party trucking companies. While NuStar Energy does not own any of the products it stores and ships, it is responsible for the safe handling and quality of the product which typically consists of gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, turbine fuel, ethanol and product additives. A ceremony recognizing the company's accomplishment will be held in April.

"NuStar Energy Central West, New Mexico District has demonstrated its commitment to the safety and health of its workers by applying for and attaining Voluntary Protection Program recognition," said NMED Secretary David Martin. "We are pleased to have them as a partner in our efforts to make New Mexico the safest state in the country in which to work."

The Zia Star Voluntary Protection Program is managed by NMED's Occupational Health and Safety Bureau in conjunction with the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and participants also receive national recognition for their accomplishments.

NuStar Energy joins an elite group of New Mexico companies with Zia Star Voluntary Protection Program status that includes: Georgia Pacific; INTEL Corporation; The Roco Corporation; Honeywell Aerospace Albuquerque; ConocoPhillips San Juan Gas Plant;

ConocoPhillips Wingate Fractionator; NextEra Energy Resources; CH2MHILL OMI, Nabors Well Services, Ltd. (Carlsbad and Hobbs), and Tri-State Generation and Transmission. NuStar Energy Central West, New Mexico District becomes the twelfth New Mexico Company to become part of this group.

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